

# Minutes

## Newport Local Access Forum

Date 22nd November 2017

Time 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Present **Brian Jelf, D Russell, A Underwood, Wyneira Archer, Les Handy, Doug Knight, Andy Flemming, Yvonne Forsey, John Harris**

Officers in Attendance **Luke Stacey, Jo Evans. Jo Gossage** (Newport City Council)

*Minutes regarding 'Agenda Reference Number: 02/2017'*

### Item

- 1 Apologies for Absence**  
Jo Evans, Jo Gossage, Stuart Cliffe, Chris Heap (NRW)
- 2 Furniture breakdown across network – Overview**  
Luke explained that there is further work ongoing to improve the accuracy of the furniture statistics and he is hoping to get furniture recorded on the publicly available maps by early next year (available via Newport Web Site). There is a high percentage of stiles on the Newport RoW Network – Luke is looking to replace these with more accessible furniture e.g. kissing gates (ideally metal) as the opportunity arises.  
Finger posts count as furniture. Missing finger posts can be reported via the Newport Council phone line or web site.  
There was a discussion about how to cater for disabled people on the RoW network
- 3 ROWIP Review – initial consultation**  
The process for creating the new 10 year ROWIP was circulated which shows the stages leading to the creation of a new ROWIP by December 2018.  
Concern was expressed that Green Lanes need to be recorded on the definitive map before they are lost.  
It was suggested that a sub-committee should be set up to review the ROWIP – see AP2 below.  
An update on Active Travel was requested – Mathew Lea is working on this. The consultation period has ended.
- 4 M4 relief road update – Joanne Gossage**  
As Jo Gossage was not present – this item was postponed to the next meeting

**5 Any other business**

5.1 Llandeudau Enquiry – the result of the enquiry was to declare that the path is a restricted byway. However this new status means that further advertising is required and possibly further consultation.

5.2 The meeting was asked what the next steps are for the consultation document on Taking Forward Wales' Sustainable Management of Natural Resources? 16,000 responses were received. It is not currently known what happens next – Luke will try to find out (AP3)

5.3 Effectiveness of the LAF – discussion took place on how to make the LAF more effective. E.g. other LAFs have their Councillor in attendance. There was a discussion on the secretarial role for the LAF and how to best utilise the knowledge/experience of the attendees. Working with adjacent LAFs was discussed and might be fruitful as input to the ROWIP e.g. where a path is a footpath in one authority but becomes a bridleway in the adjacent authority.

5.4 The Newport Web site will shortly a section on Rights of Way. Luke will let members know when the changes are live. (AP4)

5.5. Andy Flemming reported that ROWIP specific funding will cease in March 2018 – it is therefore imperative that the new ROWIP makes a compelling case to secure funding to improve the RoW network. (AP5)

**6 Date of next meeting**

Weds 21 February 2018 at 6.30pm

**Action Points** from the meeting:

1. Luke to circulate the current ROWIP to the members
2. Members should contact Luke if they would like to be part of the sub-committee to review the ROWIP
3. Luke will find out what the next step is for the consultation document; Taking Forward Wales' Sustainable Management of Natural Resources
4. Luke to inform members when the Rights of Way Section of the Newport Web Site is live.
5. Luke to clarify funding model for 2018, particularly for the LAF and rights of way network.